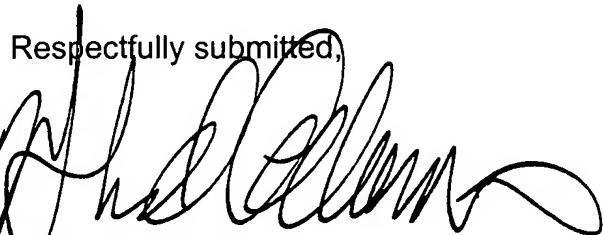


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to properly state the dependent and multiple-dependent relationships in acceptable form. It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is respectfully requested.

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